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[Special Correspondence of the HERALD.]
PARIS, February 18th, 1884.

"For I am nothing if not critical," says Iago. A patriotic journal, not much known to fame, might state, I am nothing if not "original;" it claims to have fathomed the "subjectiveness" of the mind of Perfidio Albion; as usual she has been deceiving every one respecting Egypt. The English cabinet has simply been playing a Machiavellian game; it intentionally remained in the back part of the stage, putting forward the Egyptians, as ministers, functionaries and soldiers, the better to show up their incapacity; and, when fully played out, John Bull comes to the front, makes a little speech to the powers, and the world: "Gentlemen, you have seen how thoroughly rotten everything native is in Egypt; we have given the country all the 1000s desirable; it is now between a break down and a wreck; the moment is come to brush aside the poppets, to finish with organized hypocrites; so we will now take over the management of the country for our own account—it may be for years or it may be for ever; like MacMahon, we are here, and we will remain; thus secure of our grip, we have conceded to M. de Lesseps his personal direction of the Suez Canal, having in our power to use the route as we please, when it is our interest to do so. We will fix matters up with the Mahdi; will make him a stadtholder of all the tribes he can weld together in the Soudan; we will construct railways under the regime, and in time, when he shall post on *Al Bora* to rejoin Mahommed in the seventh heaven, we shall succeed him as stadtholder, and so control the trade and commerce of central Africa."

Be these day dreams, or Bismarck calculations, everyone, save the chauvinists of pure blood, are glad to see England forced to put an end to her sham role in Egypt, and manfully grapple with the difficulties of which she has undertaken the responsibilities. It was only a few days ago the ministerial journal were congratulating France at having again become fortune's favorite. *Le Paris* notably, boasted the country was not like Austria, a prey to socialists, or as Germany, the victim of—say the seven capital since Italy was commiserated with—England, her sun was set though such never sets on her dominions as was said of the empire of Charles V. Algeria could vie with Australia, and as for Tunisia, it never knew such tranquility—thanks to a corps d'armee, and its material prosperity was A. I. Tonquin was about becoming a little heaven below, the taking of Son Tay eclipsed Tel-el-Kebir—what must Baginb then be; all French colonial enterprises have succeeded, while those of England—still harping on my daughter, were tantamount to Beau Brummel's cravats, etc. Again, the day that telegrams were published that all was serene at Tonquin, a wire arrives from the bishop of that diocese, stating some 260 Christians were massacred, and imploring help, like Singkat and Tokar, when there is no help. The "Delta" instead of being cleared of Black Flage, appears to be as France in 1793, in a reign of terror. Unhappily there is no impartial, foreign, special correspondent to tell us how matters are in Tonquin.

When Baginb falls as in due course it must, France intends, should China become ugly, to bombard some of her littoral territory—enough extensive to enable a choice to be made. It is more likely the French will push from Baginb, through the big wall into China proper, as their objective is, to help themselves to an empire out of the Flowery land. And if they only allow all nations to trade in the new lake, on the same conditions as themselves, Europe will shut her eyes as to the ways and means.

The new law on emblems will put an end to any manifestations from pretenders, and terminate crises for *Vice le roi* or *Vice l'Empereur*. There is no reason why the republic ought not to protect itself as well as a monarchy. It would be better could either form of government do without exceptional laws. M. Rouher's death has been seized as the occasion for reading homilies to the republic. Now the nation displays no falling off in attachment to the principle of self-government which that regime embodied, and till then it is less of time studying probabilities. M. Rouher looked forward to the coming of some "happy soldier," to sweep away the republic. That happy soldier would be only possible if case France staked her fortune on a war with Germany; and won. Much as the French detest Germany, they will never attack her single-handed, although France can mobilize 1,000,000 of men in a week and 2,000,000 more in a month.

Could France count upon an alliance, for better or for worse, with Italy, the conditions might be changed. For her, Italy is the key-stone in the Triple alliance, to detach her therefrom France employs all her seductive arts. But Bismarck bid higher for Italian love, and there is never anything platonic in his wooing. Italy has an Alceas of her own in Nice, counts upon the return of

him good bye; he took off his smock and cap, ran forward singing the Marseillaise to the wagon, and his bones were broken under the wheels, the cracking being heard by several persons. In the recent examination of lady doctors, for the office of in-door hospital pupils, three young widows obtained success. A dramatist describes one of his characters as having "a hand as cold as a salamander's," and a publisher of literary statistics states, in 1883 twenty-five ladies were *accouche* of novels.

Veto or Approval.

SALT LAKE CITY, March 8, 1884.

Editors Herald:

From some paragraphs in the papers it would appear that His Excellency the Governor had threatened that he would not sign a certain bill, or certain bills unless the Legislature would agree to do something he wanted. If this is true, much might be said in many ways about it, but I will content myself with saying only a few words here. A Governor may have the power to please his individual self, as to approving or disapproving bills passed by the Legislature. But he has no right to do so, no right to study his own private feelings in the matter any more than the private feelings of any other man. The Legislature has the power, but it has not the right, to pass bills which are undoubtedly contrary to the desire of the people. It is the duty of the Legislature to serve the people, and to make such laws as the majority of the people want, within constitutional and lawful limits. It is also the duty of the Governor to approve such laws as the majority of the people want and the Legislature passes, within the same reasonable limits. He may have the power, but he has no right whatever, to veto bills which the people want and the Legislature has sent to him, unless those bills fairly transcend the said reasonable limits. He has no right to do his own will in opposition to the will of the people and their representatives in such matters, unless some constitutional principle is involved. I do not mean a mere sophistical technicality, but an actual principle. Bartering for special legislation, selling the gubernatorial approval, or threatening the gubernatorial veto, for legislative advantage, personal or party, is out and out bribery, which no Legislature should accept, or think for a moment of accepting, and which no governor will offer if he is fit for the gubernatorial position. The desire of the majority of the people, so far as known, within certain proper limits, is the only rightful basis for the action of the Legislature in passing bills, or the Governor in approving or vetoing them. Whatsoever is more or less than this cometh of evil, in a government that professes to be of the people, by the people, and for the people.

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